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Independent Human Rights Act Review Panel

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Dear Sirs

## **Response in relation to the Independent Human Rights Act Review**

We write in relation to the above and although we do not intend to comment on the specific questions raised in the Terms of Reference, we would like to comment on the application of the Human Rights Act 1998 (“HRA”) more generally.

As a firm, we are of the opinion that the current formulation of the HRA, and the approach to its application by the judiciary is satisfactory. We do not consider that there is a need for any substantive changes to the HRA or its associated legislation.

The HRA has proven to be extremely valuable in protecting the rights of individuals and has successfully increased accessibility to enforce these rights. It would however be prudent for the committee, when conducting its review, to consider how accessibility to recourse can further be improved for all individuals, particularly in light of the declining availability of legal aid.

The HRA satisfactorily balances the relationship between the judiciary, the courts and parliament. In particular, we do not think that the current approach to implementing the HRA risks over-judicialising public administration.

We look forward to reading the report following a review of all responses to this consultation.

Yours sincerely

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